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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of:           | ) |                      |
|                                 | : | Examiner: J. Huffman |
| TSUYOSHI SHIBATA, ET AL.        | ) |                      |
|                                 | : | Group Art Unit: 2853 |
| Appln. No.: 10/623,541          | ) |                      |
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| Filed: July 22, 2003            | ) |                      |
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| INKJET PRINTING APPARATUS       | : |                      |

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Official Action dated August 15, 2006, the Examiner is  
requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: